



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2019

DATE: June 1, 2019

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a donation of a pet oxygen kit from Washoe County Residents Mike and Cindy Hudson in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Station 46 located in Spanish Springs and express appreciation for the thoughtful contribution. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a donation of a pet oxygen kit from Washoe County Residents Mike and Cindy Hudson in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Station 46 located in Spanish Springs and express appreciation for the thoughtful contribution.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of Fire Commissioners has accepted donations on several occasions in the past.

BACKGROUND

68% of U.S. households own at least one pet. That equates to 84.6 million pets (minimum) that deserve lifesaving in the event of a home fire or catastrophe.

Unlike humans who instinctively run out during fires, pets instinctively look for a hiding place to protect them from the fire. Far too many pets die each year of smoke asphyxiation. While firefighters attempt to get pets safely out of burning structures, they are not able to revive them unless they have the proper equipment - pet oxygen masks. These specially-designed animal masks can be used both on conscious pets that have suffered from smoke inhalation and pets that need to be resuscitated after losing consciousness from exposure to the dangerous toxic fumes.

Wag'N Pet Oxygen Mask Kits come with 3 different size masks that can be used on dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and many more species. The pet oxygen kit donated has an approximate value of \$90 and will be assigned to Station 46 serving Spanish Springs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with this Donation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept a donation of a pet oxygen kit from Washoe County Residents Mike and Cindy Hudson in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Station 46 located in Spanish Springs and express appreciation for the thoughtful contribution.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to accept a donation of a pet oxygen kit from Washoe County Residents Mike and Cindy Hudson in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Station 46 located in Spanish Springs and express appreciation for the thoughtful contribution."